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Applicants: Kazuhiro Hashii, et al.

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Application No.: 10/649,806

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Date: March 22, 2004

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form (PTO/SB/08A & B).

Copies of all six of the foreign references are enclosed. Copies of the U.S. references have not been provided, in accordance with the Notice entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003" set forth at 1276 O.G. 55.¹ The present application, it should be noted, was filed after June 30, 2003, on August 26, 2003.

¹ The relevant portion of that Notice reads:

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The Office hereby waives the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 USC 371 after June 30, 2003. See 37 CFR 1.491(b). For all patent applications filed on or before June 30, 2003, copies of cited U.S. patents and patent application publications are still required unless an eIDS is filed.

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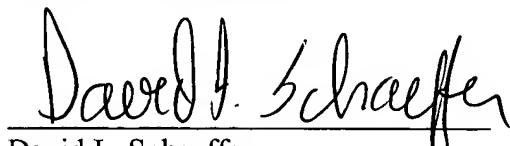
Some of the cited references were called to Applicants' attention in a Search Report in European Patent Appln. No. 03 019 652.1, which is a counterpart to the instant case. A copy of that Search Report is also enclosed, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art.

To date, Applicants have not received a first Office Action, and so this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3).

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A & B be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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- A detailed discussion of the references, which discussion is part of the Statement Regarding Pre-Examination Search, and which discussion points out, with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

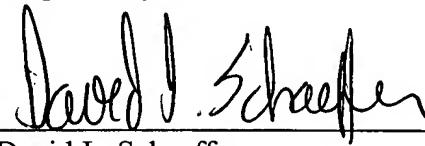
Also submitted herewith are (1) an Information Disclosure Statement citing the references discussed in the Statement Regarding Pre-Examination Search and (2) a Preliminary Amendment.

In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Applicants hereby state that they consider the pending claims to be directed to a single invention - the aforementioned Preliminary Amendment cancels claims which it could be argued pertain to a different invention. The remaining claims are consistent with the scope of the pre-examination search.

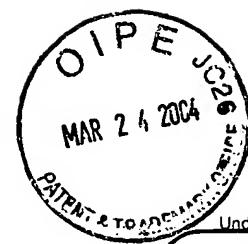
The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$130.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) for the filing of this Petition, as well as any other fee now or hereafter due, to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Applicants respectfully submit that this Petition should be granted. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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